Global Commitment Register

May 29, 2019

GCR 19-021 PROPOSED

Health Care Administrative Rules Update

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed proposed rules with the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) for the following administrative rules for Medicaid covered services.

- **4.207 Prescribed Drugs** (Amendment; currently Medicaid Covered Services rule 7502)
 - Amended to increase prescription refills from 5 to 11 and align with federal requirements and current policy and practice for Vermont Medicaid.

7501 Pharmaceuticals, Medical Supplies and Equipment – General Information (Repeal)

• Repealed with necessary content incorporated into 4.207 Prescribed Drugs above.

4.238 Gender Affirmation Surgery for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria (New)

• New rule updates current clinical criteria for Vermont Medicaid to better align with industry clinical guidelines.

AHS has also filed the following proposed rule with the SOS for covered services under the VPharm program:

5447 VPharm Prescribed Drugs (Amendment)

• Amended to increase prescription refills from 5 to 11 and align with federal requirements and current policy and practice for the VPharm program.

Effective Date:

Proposed rules were filed with the Secretary of State on May 22, 2019. The rules will not become effective until the administrative rulemaking process is complete.

Authority/Legal Basis:

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. § 801(b) (11), 33 V.S.A. § 1901(a)(1).

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.



Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Comment Period:

Open until July 17, 2019

Send comments to: AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov

Or mail comments to:

Agency of Human Services Medicaid Policy Unit 280 State Drive, Center Building Waterbury, Vermont 05671-1000

Public Hearing Date:

July 10, 2019 1:00PM

Conference Room Cherry C Waterbury State Office Complex 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671

Identification required to enter building.

Additional Information:

- The HCAR proposed rules are available on the AHS website.
- The <u>proposed rules on the SOS website</u> are referred to as:
 - o Rule 19P046 Pharmaceuticals, Medical Supplies and Equipment General Information
 - o Rule 19P047 VPharm Prescribed Drugs
 - o Rule 19P048 Prescribed Drugs
 - o Rule 19P049 Gender Affirmation Surgery for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria
- The <u>HCAR rules</u> that are currently in effect.
- The DVHA rules that are currently in effect.
- More information about the rulemaking process from the Office of the Secretary of State's website.

